Number of Madarsas

2044. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to slate :

(a) the number of Madarsas in the country. State-wise and Union Territory-wise, from 1997 to 2001;

(b) the financial assistance given to Madarsas during that period. State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether the Madarsas arc established under the provisions of Article 30(1) of the Constitution;

(d) whether it is a fact that instead of teaching communal harmony, communal hatred is being taught in some of the Madarsas, particularly in border Slates ; and

(e) if so. Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scarcity of Children's Literature

† 2045.SHRI PK. MAHESHWARI: Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that children remain deprived of the Child Literature due to its scarcity and they remain ignorant of the culture and traditions of the country.

(b) if so. the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to remove the short-coming?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) The Government has been taking a number of steps to boost, support and disseminate

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